Thiruvathukkal Illickal road.

468. *MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the Thiruvathukkal Illickal road is lying in a dilapidated condition for the last many years;

(*b*) whether this is the shortest road from Kottayam town to Kumarakom and adjoining places; and

(c) whether the repair of the 4 small bridges between Illickal and Anthonythara is very essential to make the road cartable?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN (*Chief Engineer, P. W. D*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The bridges require reconstruction to make the road cartable.

MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: May I know whether the Chief Engineer will treat the matter as urgent?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I will look into the matter. It is only a footpath. It will take some time before an estimate is prepared for making it a cartable road.

Road to connect Pallithurai in Attippura pakuthi with the M. C. road.

469. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any road has been constructed during the course of the year 1120 to connect Pallithurai in Attippura pakuthi in Trivandrum taluk with the M. C. road or with any other part of the taluk; and

(*b*) if not, whether any estimate has been prepared for construction of any such road and what other steps have been taken for the construction of the road?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

Vazhakulam-Vazhithala road.

470. *MR. P. M. VARGHESE (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long it is since the Vazhakulam-Vazhithala road was sanctioned and how long it is since the work was commenced;

(*b*) whether there was any grant for it in the budget for the year ending 1120; and

(*c*) if any, whether it was utilised for the purpose?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) The work (first section of 2 1/4 miles) was sanctioned in 1102 and completed in 1108.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*b*).

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MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Will the honourable member be pleased to say whether this road from Vazhakulam-Vazhithala was included in the list of roads recommended by the Committee?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I am not aware. The first portion was made up some years ago. We have not had any demand for the second portion of the road.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Does the honourable member know that this road also was one of those roads recommended by the Committee but rejected in this year's budget?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have no notice of any such recommedation.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: I was told by the Committee that this road was recommended.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It was not there.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Will the honourable member be pleased to see that this road is also taken up?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I will look into the matter.

Routes to Sabarimala.

471. ***MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha cum Shertalai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of routes to Sabarimala and their names;

(*b*) under whose supervision the routes are cleared and the cost of such clearance; and

(*c*) whether they are aware that fallen trees in all these routes are not cut and removed to enable the pilgrims a free passage?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) 3. They are (1) from Vandiperiyar to Sabarimala *via* Sabarimala Estate; (2) from Erumeli to Sabarimala *via* Azhutha, Karimala, Pampa and Neelimala; and (3) from Ranni *via* Rajampara, Lahai Estate, Nilakkal, Thalappara, Kotta etc. to Pampa and crossing Pampa at Kurumkayam and thence to Sabarimala.

(*b*) Path No. 1 is cleared by the P. W. D. The cost of clearance in 1120 was Rs. 700.

(*c*) No.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the honourable member why the routes numbers 2 and 3 were not cleared this year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I am not able to say. I believe they are very hilly routes and it will take a considerable amount of money to put them right, and so the easiest road was made up for the time being.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Government are aware that ordinarily pilgrims go to Sabarimala by the second route?

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